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SUBJECT: LAWSUIT AGAINST DEPARTMENT OFFICERS BY LORENZO  
EDWARD ERVIN, JR.

REF: STATE 161985 ET AL (1969)

1. MISSION ACCEPTED BY REGISTERED MAIL MARCH 3 TWO  
ENVELOPES WHICH PROVED TO CONTAIN SUMMONSES DIRECTED  
BY U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK TO  
BILLY RAY LANIER, FORMER DEPUTY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, AND  
GEORGE E. REYNOLDS, FORMER CONSUL. TWO NAMED INDIVIDUALS  
ARE AMONG THIRTEEN DEFENDANTS BEING SUED BY LORENZO EDWARD  
ERVIN JR. FOR ACTIONS RELATED TO ERVIN'S VOLUNTARY REPA-  
TRIATION FROM BERLIN TO U.S. IN SEPTEMBER 1969 TO FACE  
TRIAL FOR HIJACKING OF EASTERN AIRLINES PLANE IN U.S. IN  
FEBRUARY 1969.

2. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT ALREADY AWARE OF LAWSUIT  
SINCE OTHER DEFENDANTS INCLUDE FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS,  
FORMER HEAD OF INR THOMAS HUGHES, AND FORMER HEAD OF  
AID DR. HANNAH. COPY OF SUMMONS AS WELL AS COMPLAINT  
BEING POUCHED CONCURRENTLY, HOWEVER TO DEPARTMENT CARE  
OF L/EUR. MR. SMALLWHO WAS INVOLVED IN 1969 ACTIONS.  
WE WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON ADDITIONAL STEPS WE  
SHOULD TAKE. SUMMONSES INDICATE RESPONSE MUST BE MADE  
BY APRIL 26. GEORGE

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